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1998 **Missouri Air** **Conservation** **Commission**

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Missouri Air Conservation Commission

Created by the Missouri General Assembly in 1965, the Missouri Air Conservation Commission has seven members appointed by the governor. The commission carries out the Missouri Air Conservation Law (Chapter 643, Revised Statutes of Missouri). The primary duty of the commission is to achieve the National Ambient Air Quality Standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency. When the quality of the air meets these standards, an area is said to be “in attainment.” If monitors detect too much of one pollutant, however, the area is a “nonattainment area” for that pollutant.

Members serve four-year terms and the commission meets at least nine times per year. All meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome. Most meetings include public hearings where rule actions, variances from rules and other matters are heard.

At meetings, the commission adopts, amends and rescinds rules; hears appeals of enforcement orders and permit conditions; initiates legal action to enforce rules; assigns duties to local air pollution control agencies; classifies regions as attainment or nonattainment areas and approves plans to meet national standards in nonattainment areas.

Notices of public hearings are published in the public-notice sections of these newspapers: *Columbia Daily Tribune*, *Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic*, *Springfield News-Leader*, *The Kansas City Star*, *St. Joseph News Press* and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. They are also published in the *Missouri Register*. To be placed on a mailing list to receive notice of public hearings and meetings, you may contact the Air Pollution Control Program at (573) 751-4817.

Information on public hearings and Missouri Air Conservation Commission meetings is also available on our home page at (www.dnr.state.mo.us/dnr/apcp).

